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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, S. Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus; R. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jerry, E.C., SAMUEL DAHON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO, and American Ports generally.—BRAAF & BLACK, San Francisco.
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & CO., Manila.
CHINA.—Swatow, CAMPBELL & CO., Amy, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., Foochow, HEDDE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, 600,000 Dollars.

Court of Directors.

Chairman—H. HORFFUS, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
Interest ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 , 4 per cent. "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

To Let.
AN OFFICE TO LET.
Apply to LANDSTEIN & CO.,
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

To Let.
NOS. 4, and 5, PECHILL TERRACE, ELDIN STREET.
Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

To Let.
HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.
House Nos. 2 and 3, Pedder's Hill.
"Elm Villa," Pok-fou-jun, Furnished.
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

To Let.
THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1, D'Aquilla Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
The Dwelling House No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Hongkong, January 9, 1878.

For Sale.
NOW READY.
A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, Part I., A to K., with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN ENZEL, Ph.D., Tübingen.
Price, TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

COAL.
BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, or Godown.
Apply to BATTLES & CO.,
Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
IN ASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Y-ids and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, 1/- each.
CHINA MAIL GSES.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb.

to 2,500 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR-

PETS, various patterns.

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CARPETS and RUGS.

DOOR MATS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

CENTRAL and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

GUN-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.

STATIONERY, of every description.

BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.

SALEM BELLIES, in Kits.

MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS.

PIG PORK, and Prime MEAT.

BEEF in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDELLES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.

Cutting JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL,

RYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Canned Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and

BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.

CROUSE & BLACKWELL'S OIL MANS' STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.

CLARINET in Case, (BANDOL), Superior Quality.

BALDRY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BUKE, in Pints and Quarts.

BASS PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & CO.,
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted in my name will from This Date be Carried on under the Style of GROSSMANN & CO., Mr G. A. GROSSMANN having become a Partner therein.

C. F. GROSSMANN.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. BERNHARD SCHMACHER is authorized to sign our Firm by procription.

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai,
January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from This Date.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOSEPH PERROTTE BARNES in our Firm in CHINA CEASES from This Date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, December 31, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTONLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style of FIRM of G. R. STEVENS & CO., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 28, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS.

WILLIAM DUNPHY & CO.

Late Manager of the NOVOTNY IRON WORKS, Hongkong.

W. DUNPHY.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

PARCELS EXPRESS AGENCY, in connection with WHEATLEY & CO., LONDON. Packages Received for transmission to Great Britain by each P. & O. Mail; Charges can be Collected either here or in England. The following particulars of Packages are required—Contents, Value, Address of Consignee, and whether Insurance be desired.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.—Orders Received and

Promptly Executed, for Books, Scientific Instruments, and European Goods of any Description.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPIHER,

by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA,
Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

COMMENCING TO-DAY, the Macao Steamer will leave Hongkong at 2 p.m., and Macao at 8 a.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-third Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on FRIDAY, the 25th January instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing a Director and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1878.

NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT expects to Leave the Colony PERMANENTLY about the 20th of January, 1878.

Hongkong, December 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, January 7th, 1878.

IN Accordance with a Resolution passed at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of July 5th, 1877, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Shareholders of Taels 49.50 per Share, for the fiscal Year ending the 30th September, 1877, and a further Dividend of Taels 16.50 per Share, being interest on Shareholders' Capital at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, for the quarter ending December, 1877.

The above Dividends (Taels 60 per Share) will be Payable on the 15th instant, at the Office of the Secretaries to Shareholders on record on the 10th instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 15th instant, inclusive.

Persons collecting Dividends for absent Shareholders are requested to exhibit their Powers of Attorney for registry at this Office.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & CO.,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONG KONG.
September 15, 1877.

AH YON,
SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND
STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr. Ayer has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,
Praya, or to Mr. Far Jack, at 30, Hing
Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at
the Rate of FIVE TAELS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders or their lawful
representatives on presentation of Share
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th
instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.
Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.
The Steamship
"EMERALDA"
will be despatched for the
above Port on SATURDAY,
the 19th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. Y. V. SHAW,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. MONGOLIA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamer PESHAWUR from London, and HINDOSTAN from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 15, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. W. C. EASTLACK will commence Practice in HONGKONG, on the 20th instant.

Hongkong, January 15, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in HONGKONG Harbour:-

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schwer.—Melscher & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BIRKEN, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

GLENFRITH, British barque, Capt. Lang.—Chinese.

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.—Melscher & Co.

R. C. RICKMERS, German ship, Captain R. C. Stolt.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

PHAZON, British barque, Captain H. D. W. Schul.—Wieder & Co.

ADELINA & MARIANNE, German barque, Captain C. N. Dahl.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

WABRIO, British barque, Capt. William Baumann.—Wieder & Co.

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAS, German brig, Captain Kasmensa.—Melscher & Co.

MARGA, British steamer, Capt. J. H. Broker.—Slemesen & Co.

VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R. Martin.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

SHIPPING.

RIVALS.
Jan. 14, Christine, German barque, 541, Widdang, Shanghai Jan. 10, Rice—CHINESS.

Jan. 14, May, British 8-m. schooner, 237, J. Plumley, Wellington (N.Z.) Nov. 29, Iron and Fungus.—Olfert & Co.

Jan. 15, Papa, German barque, 392, C. T. Blaize, Cardiff Aug. 8, Coal.—Slemesen & Co.

Jan. 15, Mongolia, British steamer, 1895, A. Colman, Bombay Dec. 20, Coal, Peppermint, and Singapore, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 15, Samar, American ship, 1056, O. Miles, Shanghai Jan. 11, General—CAPTAIN.

Jan. 15, Herbert Black, American barque, 472, Trout, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Coal—Miles & Co.

Jan. 15, Norma, British steamer, 613, Walter, Sydney Jan. 14, General—N. WOK AKERSON.

Jan. 15, Cha Kow, British steamer, 786,

Johnson, Cocktown Dec. 30, Gold.—Hor Kee & Co.

Jan. 15, Holroyd, British steamer, 333, J. Peters, Haiphong Jan. 11, and Hothow 13, Rice.—Slemesen & Co.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 15, Thon Kramon, for Bangkok.
15, Conquest, for Hothow.
15, Radnorshire, for Saigon.
15, Hindostan, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.
15, Venice, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

CLEARED.
Alexandria, for Chefoo.
Cyphene, for Shanghai.
E. C. Rickmers, for Diamond Island.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.
Por May, from Wellington (N.Z.), Mr. Peter Mongolian, from Bombay, &c., Mr. Pate, and 60 Chinese.
Por Norma, from Swatow, 200 Chinese, and 2 Europeans.
Por Charlton, from Cooktown, 271 Chinese.
Por Holroyd, from Hothow, 1 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Por Hindostan, for Calcutta, Mrs. Gardner, Sir J. Rae Reid, Bart., and European servant, Rev. E. Helm, Messrs. E. E. Smith, F. P. Barlow, M. Bayne, W. K. Robertson, C. Smith, C. E. Collings, Innes, Chancie, Falby, M. E. Manock, D. Benson, and F. S. Langrana; 150 Chinese for the Straits.

Por Venice, for Straits, 170 Chinese.
Por Thon Kramon, for Bangkok, 3 Chinese.
Por Conquest, for Hothow, 60 Chinese.

To DEPART, Por Alexandria, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque Christine reports: Strong monsoon throughout the passage.

The British 8-m. schooner May reports: Fine weather and fair winds to the line, caught the N.E. trade 5 North; strong at times; altogether a fine passage throughout of 46 days.

The British steamer Mongolia reports: Strong N.E. monsoons and high seas.

The American ship Samor reports: Strong monsoon the whole passage.

The American barque Herbert Black reports: Fine weather the first part of the passage, the latter strong monsoon.

The British steamer Norma reports: Experienced moderate monsoon first part of the passage, equally with N.W. winds latter part.

The British steamer Charlton reports: Left Cocktown 80th Dec., light weather and thick throughout up to entrance of China Sea, thence to Hongkong very heavy monsoon first North then E.N.E., then N.N.W. very high sea and thick bad weather.

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The British steamer Charlton reports: Left Cocktown 80th Dec., light

THE CHINA MAIL.

Judgment for the plaintiff's debt to be paid in instalments of \$3 a month.

WRITING from Peking under date of the 27th Dec., a correspondent says: "The Chinese troops have recently made very considerable progress in the war in the North-west. Kashgar fell into their hands on the 7th October, and they then crossed the Kaidar river and occupied Kure, the place of Yacob Khan's death. Near here (at Bugur) they again defeated the Mahomedans in open battle, and on the 18th entered the important town Kuel. A Chinese general and several officers of rank met their death during these operations. The Mahomedan population, numbering about 100,000 then tendered their submission. The Chinese leader who has achieved these important successes, which have carried the Chinese army from Turfan to Yarkand and Kashgar, is the Tacial of Lining, Liu Chin Tang, a name that has already been frequently mentioned during the operations against Kashgar. The next place which the Chinese will have to attack is Aksu, an important city from which three military roads branch off to Ush in the West to Yarkand and Kashgar in the South-west and to Ili or Kuldja (at present occupied by the Russians) in the North."

Peking, Dec. 27, 1877.

In my last I sent you some particulars respecting the war in the north-west.

The struggle between the heir of the late Yacob Khan and the Chinese is evidently now drawing to a speedy close. The *Peking Gazette* just published announces the capture by the Chinese of the two towns of Aksu and Ush. This event was, according to a account contained in the *Gazette*, preceded by a series of fights, lasting six days, between the Chinese troops and the bands of Tai-yen-hoo, the Chinese Mahomedan leader, and of the successor of Yacob Khan. A few thousand rebels, says the *Gazette*, were killed in these battles, and the number of Mahomedans who tendered their submission is enormous.

Without doubt the Chinese will now proceed from Aksu in a south-westerly direction towards Yarkand.

The weather has for the last fortnight been very cold, with northerly winds; no snow has fallen; large numbers of poor people are said to have arrived from the interior. Silver is very scarce and every thing has risen considerably in price."

The following passengers are booked to Hongkong and China:

For P. & O. steamer *Ceylon*, from Brindisi, Dec. 10.—To Hong Kong: Mr. Ryde, Mr. T. Pate.

For P. & O. steamer *Khedies*, from Southampton, Dec. 13.—To Shanghai: Mr. J. Green, To Hong Kong; Mr. Blandy, Mr. Pollock, Mr. A. G. Angier, Mr. W. F. Teter.

For Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yang Tsze*, from Marseilles, Dec. 16.—To Shanghai: Mr. R. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Hemmington, and two children, Mr. Fowne. To Hong Kong: Major and Mrs. Brodigan.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Amanzon*, from Marseilles, Jan. 13.—To Hong Kong: Mrs. Lord.

(*L. & C. Express*, Dec. 7th.)

Latest Mail Advices.—Yokohama Oct. 23, Shanghai Oct. 26, Foochow Oct. 26, Hongkong Nov. 1. The P. and O. mail, from Yokohama 19th, Shanghai 16th, Hongkong 25th Oct., Singapore 2nd Nov., was received, via Brindisi, on the 3rd inst.; and the French mail, via Marseilles, with a week's later date—as tabulated above—came in on the 7th inst. (this day). No later Japan advices have reached London. The next inward (P. and O.) mail, which will bring dates, Yokohama 20th Oct., Shanghai 2nd, Hongkong 8th, Singapore 16th Nov., which is due, via Brindisi, on the 17th inst., left Galle on the 23rd ult., one day early.

The members of the Chinese Commission for furnishing exhibits to the Paris Exhibition are expected shortly to arrive in Paris. The Commission consists of Mr Hart, Inspector-General of Customs, President; Messrs. Glover, Detring, Breton, J. H. Hart, J. D. Campbell and A. Novion, and the Count de Soubresnil as Secretary. Some of these gentlemen are at present in China and some in London. A large number of workmen are at present engaged in China constructing the pavilion in which the articles are to be exhibited, and about a hundred of them will come over to erect it. The Japanese Mission for the Exhibition has, as we have already noticed, arrived in Paris. The head of the Commission is Mr Meida, who is thoroughly European in education and habits.

It will be observed in one United States news that a duty of 10c. per lb. on tea and 2c. on coffee has been proposed by the President in his Message to Congress. As usual in the States this has given rise to considerable speculation by those on "the inside track," but with regard to tea we have reason to believe that the new duty will not interfere with the consumption of that article in America.

The following appointments will probably be made, in consequence of the opening of new ports under the Chefoo Convention, and the re-establishment of Consulates at Ching Kiang, Tamsui, and Kiungchow:—

James Mongan, Consul at Canton, vice Sir Brooke Robertson.

Chaloner Alabaster, Consul at Tientsin vice J. Mongan.

C. T. Gardner, Consul at Ningpo, vice C. Alabaster.

Archer E. Hewlett, Consul at Taiwan, vice W. King.

W. King, Consul at Ichang (New Port).

R. J. Forrest, Consul at Wenchow (New Port).

Geo. Phillips, Consul at Kiungchow (New Port).

W. G. Stromach, Consul at Fukien (New Port).

Arthur Davenport, Consul at Chaffee vice Lay, deceased.

H. J. Allen, Consul at Chinkiang.

Alex. Frater, Consul at Tamsui.

Thos. Watters, Consul at Wu-hu (New Port).

C. F. R. Allen, Vice-Consul at Shanghai.

Geo. Jameson, Consul at Pagoda Anchorage.

Mr. W. M. Cooper, now Vice-Consul, will probably be made Consul at Kiungchow, and the examination for Student Interpreters will be notified next month. The posts connected with the Supreme Court, China and Japan, are not yet decided.

Major William J. Simpson, late 9th

Regiment, died last week, aged 42. He served in the China campaign of 1860 on the staff of Brigadier Reeves, and was present at Sinho, taking of Tangku, storm and capture of the inner Taku fort (slightly wounded), actions of Sept. 18 and 21, and surrender of Peking (breve, of major, indeed with two clasps).

Hamburg, Dec. 4.—Last week the first resident minister from China was introduced to the Emperor for the presentation of his credentials. In his address to the Emperor the Minister dwelt strongly upon the fact that the relations between the two Empires since the treaty concluded by Count Eulenburg had been of the most friendly character. In making this statement the speaker must have conveniently lost sight of the difficulty, regarding the German schooner *Anna*, and other instances might be cited, as showing that the Chinese Government has not always given satisfaction or done justice although the German Ambassador has not invariably insisted upon his absolute rights. But doubtless it is far better to refrain from recriminations, in the hope that all the fair speeches made by Mr. Liu-Hsi-Hung are indications for the future. One sentence in the Minister's credentials is somewhat amusing; it runs thus:—"We know that this well-deserving high officer many years since," a remarkably strange assertion it is remembered that his Celestial Majesty is at present only five years of age.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

Jan. 15, 1877.

LARCENY.

Wan Leon Pan, a barber, was sent to 3 months' hard labour for stealing a pair of shoes, valued at 60 cents.

Yan Akun, a carpenter, was sent to 21 days' hard labour for stealing a knife.

Leeng Ahn, a hawker, was sent to 2 months' hard labour for stealing a cap, and to a further term of 8 months for a similar offence.

ANOTHER HATLIFTER.

Chung Aftu, a hawker, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for a similar offence.

MORE LARCENY.

Li Afuk, a carpenter, unemployed, was sent to 2 months' hard labour for stealing a watch. Several previous convictions were proved against him.

GAMBLING.

Ho Aza and eight others were charged with gambling in a house (29 Gilman's Bazaar). The defendants were arrested by Sergeant Gordon (No. 68). The first defendant was fined \$200 or six months' hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks for 2 hours opposite the house. The others were fined \$20 each or six weeks' hard labour.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From our London Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 7th 1877.

The memorial from the London Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to Earl Derby has at last been published, and sets forth very fairly the views which are generally entertained here with regard to that document, as well as supplementing the ideas of the Shanghai Chamber which were published some time back by them in the letter they addressed to their Representatives here. I am sorry to say that so far as I can judge there does not appear to be very much interest taken in the matter outside a narrow circle of those who are more immediately concerned. The fact is that mercantile men are tired of the affair. The weak point in the Convention is on the surface—namely that referring to the *Lekin*, and attention was at once directed to it when the terms of the Convention became known in China. It is unfortunately just one of those points which is tried to those acquainted with China affairs and incomprehensible to those who are not familiar with them—so that one set takes no interest from knowing too much of it and the other from knowing too little. To the man who knows something of the double system of revenue in China, the bribing of barrier officials, the double scales of duties in all directions and the manner in which all this is made to work into the hands of guilds and to establish monopolies, the attempt made in the Chefoo Convention is easily understood. But conceive the difficulty of explaining any one of these facts to the average British intellect, and you can form some idea of the dense crust through which it is necessary to penetrate before it can be possible to bring people to understand even the elementary bearing of the little game which the Chinese officials played off against Sir Thomas Wade. You will notice that the memorialists point out with considerable force that the idea of the Chinese is evidently simply to get Sir Thomas to accept the rejected Alcock Convention in a new form. They desire an increase of import duties and knowing they cannot obtain it directly have set about it in a surreptitious manner. They can scarcely, as you doubt, in my opinion, that if the Chefoo Convention be accepted as it stands, the next card the Chinese will play will be to decide that Lekin is not a transit due and is therefore not commutable under the transit dues clause; and if this be admitted, they can of course tax our trade both in opium and piece goods to any extent they may in their celestial wisdom think fit. It is to be hoped that the Government will not fall into so grave an error as accepting the arrangement proposed, but it is certainly to be feared that they may be outwitted by the shrewd Chinese and not less astute Inspector General of Customs by whom they are aided in all these matters. Mr Hart may well be inclined to serve the Chinese well if what I have been told concerning him is true. It is said that he sends home to Ireland something like \$10,000 every year to invest in land. Probably like most statements of the kind, this is somewhat exaggerated, but there is no doubt that he is investing large sums, and is most handsomely paid by his Chinese patrons. This statement comes from a good authority; and it is evident that in the course of time the Ex-Inspector will return home a millionaire and will have great influence on all China questions.

The case of Williamson v. Harbour—the great Manchester commission case—has been

decided in favour of the plaintiffs. It has caused the greatest sensation not only in Manchester but also in London. In the former place I am told that the defendants are looked upon as being rather ill-used men, but I imagine that this opinion is confined to the "Trade" and is scarcely shared by the generality of the public. It will be sufficient to put commission agents on their guard and to make them a little more careful than hitherto of their constituents' interests. The old plan of "custom" was worn to rags in the course of the arguments, but Sir Geo. Jessel pointedly observed that there cannot be a custom in a chest if all Manchester came forward to testify to it. I was in the Court during a portion of the trial and heard the whole of the summing up and judgment. It was most lucid and was given in a satirical vein which course could not be caught in the reports, but which displayed to the full the utterly irregular system or rather the total want of system in the Manchester Trade.

An announcement has appeared of an Imperial Chinese Loan of £1,800,000 to be secured on the Customs Revenues. The *Peking Gazette* just published announces the capture by the Chinese of the two towns of Aksu and Ush. This event was, according to a account contained in the *Gazette*, preceded by a series of fights, lasting six days, between the Chinese troops and the bands of Tai-yen-hoo, the Chinese Mahomedan leader, and of the successor of Yacob Khan. A few thousand rebels, says the *Gazette*, were killed in these battles, and the number of Mahomedans who tendered their submission is enormous.

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The Russians have occupied Olti, and are concentrating troops at Ozunahmed, near Erzeroum. The weather is intensely cold in Armenia.

London, Dec. 23.—The Servians have made an unsuccessful attack on Yatre, and were defeated and compelled to fall back with very heavy loss. The garrison of Nisch has made an unsuccessful attempt to take the heights of Komare.

London, Dec. 24.—Suleiman Pasha, having garrisoned the fortresses of the quadrilateral, is concentrating the remainder of his army at Adrianople. It is believed that the Pasha has resolved to continue the war to the last extremity. The Czar, accompanied by Prince Goritschakoff, has arrived in Saint Petersburg, where his reception has been most enthusiastic. Advices from the seat of war in Armenia state that the Russians are investing Erzroum. In the Paris *Constitutional* of to-day there appears a statement that England will defend the existing treaties and the European equilibrium against Russian aggression, and that the other barbarians had such extensive educational establishments.

London, Dec. 25.—The Czar, replying to an address at St. Petersburg, said that much yet remained to be done, but that he hoped to accomplish the mission Russia had undertaken in the present war. The Grand Vizier at Constantinople has received a delegate from Indian Musulmans.

London, Dec. 26.—The Viceroy of India is to be created a Civil Knight of the Grand Cross of the Bath. Servian troops, on the 24th instant, captured Akpalanga with trifling losses. The capture included a large quantity of war material. After severe fighting for eight hours the Servians have crossed the river Morava and commenced bombarding Nisch. According to a Turkish official despatch, the Servians were defeated on the 22nd on the Morava river. The bridge at Ibrals has been destroyed by fire, and repairs to it are not yet possible. A Turkish official despatch states that Russian cavalry have almost invested Erzroum, and that bombardment of the fortress is imminent.

London, Dec. 27.—The Servians have captured Lekovatz, on the river Morava, south of Nisch, and also Kurshumli, north-west of Lekovatz.

A Russian official despatch states that the Turkish prisoners taken at Pleven are dying, owing to the intensely cold weather, and that assistance is impossible.

London, Dec. 28.—The Servian troops have effected a junction with the Russians, and are marching on Sophia.

It is semi-officially stated at Saint Petersburg that the opening of the English parliament next month has encouraged the Poles to resistance, and will compel the Russians to march on Constantinople.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Mongolia*, Captain Alfred Coleman, with the London mails of the 7th December, arrived here this morning.

(*Straits Times Extra*)

London, Dec. 28.—Snowy weather is preventing military operations in Southern Bulgaria. The Servian troops have captured Babinglava, while other Servian troops have effected a junction with the Russians, and are advancing towards Wildin.

The Tupisa, and the Tati flow down towards the Pacific, and on the other the Tolo and the Acanzi to the Atlantic. On emerging the canal continues through an open outlet about ten kilometres long, down the valleys of the Acanzi and Tolo to the deep waters of Port Gandy. The probable length of the tunnel is estimated at between thirteen and fourteen kilometres, and the cost of making the whole canal at £600,000,000. A surveying party, under the command of Lieutenant Wyse, of the French navy, the officer who commanded the expedition which made the preliminary survey last year, has sailed from St. Nazaire to complete the work that began.

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views entertained by Mencius himself. Considering that Faber wrote not for Sinologists, but for the general reader, and especially for a German public, we think he could not have chosen a better way to bring the peculiar Chinese views of Mencius within the range of the interest, sympathy and understanding of his readers. Faber appears here indeed as a Christian Chinese philosopher, nurtured in the school of the German mystics, a disciple of Boehme, Oetinger, and Baader, but at the same time plainly exhibiting the kindred influences which the study of Lao-tze, Lieh-tzu and Chuang-tzu have had upon his essentially Christian and thoroughly German intellect.

Thus he is peculiarly qualified to act as mediator between the German and Chinese mind to interpret the views of a Chinese philosopher like Mencius, who likewise is somewhat influenced by Taoistic mysticism, although he never confesses it publicly exhibits it, and to bring home to his German readers the peculiar tenets of a philosophy not only almost unknown, like everything Chinese, in Germany but encountering much silent opacity if not positive aversion. We have no hesitation in saying that few readers, if any, will fail to be fascinated by the originality and truth of Faber's remarks concerning marriage and women (p. 151-154), modern stimulants (p. 133, 223, etc.), German politics (p. 253), Chinese civilization (p. 222), modern Christianity (271), ideals (p. 272), organic growth (p. 266), and many other kindred subjects. His remarks regarding the church and state (p. 191, 272 etc.), and the moral separation of the two spheres which he demands, are very sound, but may no doubt will think he goes too near the Plymouth Brethren view in his condemnation of theological examinations when he suggests (p. 273) that "simple peasants and artisans" may be more suited to be "teachers of religion" than the regular clergy. We are glad to learn that the Rev. A. Hutchinson, C. M. S., has undertaken to translate this book into English.

THE BLUE OF THE SKY.

The colour of the sky is said to be due to the transmission of rays of light through a cloud dust which collects above the earth. Professor Nordenkampf examined the snow which covered the icebergs as far north as 80 deg., and found it strewn with a multitude of minute black particles, spread over the surface, or situated at the bottom of little pits, a great number of which were seen on the outward layer of snow. Many of such particles were also lodged in the inferior strata. This dust, which became grey on drying, contained a large proportion of metallic particles attracted by the magnet, and capable of decomposing sulphate of copper. An observation made a little later upon other icebergs proved the presence of similar dust in a layer of granular crystalline snow, situated beneath another stratum of light, fresh-hardened snow. Upon analysis, this mass was found to be composed of metallic iron, phosphorus, cobalt, and fragments of diatomaceous.

But although the book before us is but the forerunner of a larger one for students of Chinese literature, it is nevertheless so full of interest for all who desire an insight into the inner workings of such a typical Chinese intellect as that of Mencius and so fascinating by its originality of thought and treatment, that we earnestly hope it will soon be made accessible to English readers in its present form. The best-read Sinologe will find much in this book to deepen their understanding of Mencius, much also to stimulate and much even to learn.

Mr. Faber's book, like everything that proceeds from his pen, is based on a patient and independent

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 4536.—JANUARY 15, 1878.

Mails.



Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. S. I N D H.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
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Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
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Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GEELONG, Captain FRASER, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 17th January, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent,
Hongkong, January 7, 1878. ja17

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A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M., 18th January. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1877. ja19

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Freight will be received on Board until 6 p.m. of the 31st January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878. ja1

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Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the *Chinese Mail* in all the ports and in the interior of China; all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agents is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports, more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUM AYIN,
Makassar.

Hongkong, February 10, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. S. I N D H.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. *India*, from London, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 10th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underligned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1878. ja16

GERMAN STEAMER GALATEA, Böhme, Master, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Underligned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given until To-morrow, the 11th Inst., at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja17

FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Cyphrines having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Underligned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given by 4 p.m. To-day.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents, S. S. Cyphrines.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja11

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per Norwegian Bark *VEGA*, Nordvær, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1878. ja11

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